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WAR.

It looks like war. The latest dispatches received today state that Spain has refused to accede to President McKinley's demands and further correspondence is useless. If such be the case, and there is no reason to doubt, the beginning of hostilities will not be delayed, and when they begin, the horrors of modern warfare will have commenced.

For the slaughter, the sacrifices, the destruction of property and anguish to thousands of souls, Spain will be responsible; America has not begun this conflict. We have tried in every way to bring a threatening situation to a peaceful solution. Our president has allowed the slanderous words of a Spanish representative to pass unheeded; the destruction of a favorite war vessel and the death of two hundred and fifty American sailors has not officially been charged to Spain, though there is not an American who does not believe that the mine which sent the Maine beneath the waters was fired by a Spanish hand with devilish design. Although humanity has been crying out in piteous tones asking that America stop the brutal murder continually going on in Cuba, this nation has allowed Spain to conduct a warfare of its own peculiar methods until no longer an outraged civilization can permit.

And now when the United States asks that the struggle in Cuba cease, Spain hurls back a defiant reply. War will come of Spain's own choosing, and never was a conflict in a more righteous cause undertaken by any nation than that which is about to be carried on by this government. We are not seeking more territory; we do not wish to trample on the weak; there are no personal or political ambitions to be served. But we are demanding that the blot which rests upon the record of the nineteenth century shall not become deeper stained, and that this nation will do what it can towards effacement.

It is humanity against barbarism; the nineteenth century against the fifteenth; civilization against cruelty. And none can doubt where the triumph will be.

OUR NAVAL STRENGTH.

The loss of the Maine seriously crippled our navy. It was one of the finest battle-ships afloat. But that disaster is likely to prove effective in making the United States a really great naval power. Already highly important additions have been made to our navy by purchase, and there is probably more to follow in the same line. But the great thing is the impetus given to naval construction right here in our own country.

The naval committee of the house has reported its appropriation bill, and it is now before the committee of the whole. Besides making the usual provision for maintaining the navy, it provides for the building of three battle-ships of the first class, one to be called the Maine; six torpedo-boat destroyers; six torpedo-boats, one gunboat to take the place of the Michigan on the lakes. The fifteen seafaring vessels of three distinct kinds are to be constructed as soon as possible, and they will add greatly to the effectiveness of our navy.

From a naval point of view there are only two first-class powers, Great Britain and France. There are four second-class powers, the United States, Germany, Italy and Russia. Spain belongs in the third class, with

Austria, and if all the reported purchases have been made she is still a third-classer. With the additions to be made to our navy under this bill the United States will easily be at the head of the second class.

But the naval history of the world, from the battle of Salamis down, shows with especial emphasis that individual skill and bravery is a great factor in sea warfare. No country has herein a prouder record than the land of Paul Jones, Decatur, Perry and Farragut.

THE REAL POPULISTS.

The real Populists are the middle-of-the-road Populists, who decline to give up their principles or compromise themselves by fusing with the other parties and alleged parties.

The greatest Populist of the country, Tom Watson, of Georgia, says the Salem Statesman, declines to be considered any longer in politics, gives as a reason that while he is still a firm believer in the Populist creed, he can see no future for the masses owing to the disruption of forces caused by the attempt at fusion. This means that Mr. Watson finds that the Democrats, by accepting a part of the Populist creed, induced the Populist party to endorse the Democratic presidential candidate, and surrender in large degree its autonomy as a political party. This was so displeasing to the true Populists, the middle-of-the-road members, that they declare that under no circumstances will they consent to another fusion. The consequence is that there are practically two Populist parties now existing—the fusionists and the straightouts, just as there are two factions of the Democracy, the Populist wing, which has the advantage of the regular organization, and the sound money or old Democrats, who have at least the traditions and party doctrine behind them.

Mr. Watson sees no hope of success of Populism now that the split in his party has become too wide to be closed. Doubtless the thoughtful among the free silver Democrats are reaching the same conclusion with regard to the chances for the success of their policy. It was only with the help of the united Populist party that Mr. Bryan rolled up his six million and odd votes in 1896. That party is now divided into two very hostile camps. In order to win, Mr. Bryan will have to draw support from some new source.

There is no new source from which to draw any considerable support, especially if the McKinley administration continues to so conduct the affairs of the nation as to maintain increasing prosperity at home and abroad.

Now that war with Spain is extremely probable, it is a matter of much moment what, if any, action the European countries will take regarding the struggle. We believe every one will keep hands off, both through disinclination to mix up in a war which may involve all of Europe, and again through the fear of offending the United States, a country whose friendship is well worth the having. Austria, Italy and some of the other weaker states may lend some sympathy and support to the Spaniards, but that will be all. Germany has expressed friendliness to this government; England has stoutly maintained America is in the right; France cannot afford to do anything more than remain neutral, while Russia can always be counted upon to go to any extent in her friendship for the United States. The time has been when Russia was the only friend we had in Europe, and in the dark days of the Rebellion the land of the czar performed acts of substantial friendship.

This nation need not fear the attitude of the European nations in the event of war with Spain. The humane instincts of their rulers would prevent any alliance with Spain.

Events have so shaped themselves that it looks as if the name of Governor Lord is removed from the list of formidable candidates for the gubernatorial nomination in the Republican convention. The Marion county primaries resulted in the selection of delegates who will send a

Geer delegation to the state convention, and if Lord cannot carry his own county, he cannot expect to receive outside support. Four years ago Governor Lord was a very popular man, but his close alliance with the Simon faction has cost him many friends throughout the state.

TOMORROW'S CONVENTION.

The Republicans of Wasco county hold their convention tomorrow. The session will be one of the most important of its kind held in recent years. The circumstances surrounding the political parties at this time make it necessary that unusual good judgment guide in the deliberations of the Republican party. The believers in free silver have united under one standard and present an even front in the political battle. The unfortunate dissensions in the Republican party in Multnomah county hamper the organization throughout the state, and render what should be a certain victory a matter of doubt.

THE CHRONICLE has no particular suggestions to make to the body of men who will meet and deliberate tomorrow. The personnel of the convention is excellent; representative men have been elected from the various precincts, and their actions will be guided by what seems best for the party's welfare.

At this time, however, we cannot but urge the importance of putting forward the very best material the party affords. In this county the nominees of the Republican convention may be sure of election at the polls in June, and it is but right that the nominations should be made with regard to the fitness of the men nominated for the offices to which they aspire.

The selection of delegates to the state convention is of paramount importance this year. The situation in state politics differs from what it is in this county. The fusion ticket throughout Oregon will poll a large vote, and it is essential that no man be nominated by the Republican state convention unless he be of recognized ability and clean character. In this way we can win, and in no other.

Let the delegates chosen to the state convention be representative Republicans, who can be trusted to manage wisely for the party's interest and the good of the state.

President McKinley is receiving undeserved criticism from many quarters. Do his critics remember that it is no small task to prepare a message covering all the history of the present trouble with Spain? The coming message will be the most notable, because of the circumstances existing, ever promulgated since the war, and the president is staking his reputation as a statesman upon its strength and force. When viewed dispassionately, the course of President McKinley cannot but be commended. We are not advocating unnecessary delay, but the fact remains that every day this government is getting in better shape for the conflict when it comes. By Saturday we shall be in better fighting condition than we are today, and it is possible such a consideration makes the administration think at this time that "delays are not dangerous."

If Governor Lord will not call an extra session to give to Oregon the additional United States senator rightly her's, perhaps he may be induced to call the legislature together and place Oregon upon a war footing. Other states are showing their patriotism by voting money to properly equip the volunteers who will offer their services to the government if the time come when they are needed. Oregon should not allow General Compton, who fought with Meade et al., to be the only supporter President McKinley has in this far-off corner of the country.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

A Number of Matters Considered--A Special Meeting Called.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held at the usual place last night, with Mayor Nolan in the chair and Councilmen Thompson, Kuck, Saltmarsh, Stephens, Wood, Johnston and Clough present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved, after which

the petition of A. H. Curtis for a track leading to his mill was read and referred to the committee on streets and public property.

It was moved and carried that Thompson and Kuck be added to the committee on streets and public property, and it was also moved and carried that Stephens be selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Champlain on that committee.

A remonstrance of Maetz & Pundt against the repair of Court street, between First and Second, was read and upon motion was filed with the ordinance.

A like remonstrance of T. T. Nichols and others against the proposed improvement of Union street was read and upon motion was filed with the ordinance.

A special ordinance vacating the alley between lots A, B, C and D and I, J, K and L, block 51, was read and on motion placed on its final passage. On roll call the councilmen present favored the same and it was declared passed.

Thompson, of the judiciary committee, made a verbal report in regard to the O. R. & N. franchise to First street, and recommended that an ordinance be prepared regulating the use of the said street. It was moved and carried that the report be received and an ordinance drawn according to the instructions of the judiciary committee.

Clough, of the committee on fire and water, made a verbal report stating that 500 feet of hose had been purchased. It was moved and carried that the action of the committee be declared the action of the council.

At this time Councilman Johnston was excused from the meeting.

Councilman Kuck, of the special committee on streets and light, made a verbal report recommending the ordinance to be passed granting a franchise to the Northwestern Light and Manufacturing Co. to lay pipes for the purpose of lighting the city with gas. On motion the report was received and an recommendation was adopted by the council. It was then moved that the ordinance on the above franchise be placed on final passage, and the vote stood four in favor to two in opposition.

A special meeting was called for next Monday night, April 11th, to consider the passage of the above ordinances.

Table listing names and amounts: C F Lauer, marshal, \$75 00; Geo. Brown, engineer, 75 00; J S Wiley, nightwatchman, 60 00; C J Crandall, treas., 20 00; R. B. Sinnott, recorder, 50 00; Electric Light Co., lights, \$14 60; Dalles Lumber Co., mds., 17 50; Mays & Crowe, mds., 8 05; W A Johnston, mds., 8 99; Maier & Benton, mds., 9 39; J W Blakeney, drayage, 1 25; W Henzie, drayage, 1 00; T W Mann, drayage, 50; E Ferguson, drayage, 1 25; Gunning & Hockman, labor, 11 50; St. Arnold & Sebore, labor, 3 25; O Benjamin, labor, 2 40; H Clough, labor, 3 25; A Sandrock, labor, 85; C Jones, labor, 41 20; S M Wilson, labor, 42 50; J Hebler, labor, 34 40; C Thuree, labor, 4 00; J Britton, labor, 8 00; W Lane, labor, 40; A Johnston, labor, 15 00; P Eben, labor, 1 80; H Lane, labor, 8 80; J Lane, labor, 7 40; A S Cathcart, labor, 8 20; J Maloney, labor, 2 00; J Heater, labor, 2 06; E Heater, labor, 2 00; Columbia Restaurant, meals, 11 25.

Just Received.

The Dout Optical and Jewelry Co. has just received a new up-to-date eye protector. It weighs only two penny weight, made of a composition which will not offset the sight of the eye. It is carried in the inside band of your hat, and is always ready for use. They retail at 25 cents. Call and see them.

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We carry a full line of frames, gold, aluminum, nickel, bronze and rubber. We are receiving new goods daily, and best of all we guarantee entire satisfaction.

A hot number: Three acres of ground all set to bearing fruit of different varieties, small berries and a spring of water that will irrigate the entire tract and all under the highest state of cultivation. Price \$850, on reasonable terms. Located within one mile of the postoffice. This is one of Dad Butts' latest snaps and will only be on the market for a short time at this price. Don't stand around, good people, with your hands on your purse looking for something better unless you expect to get the world for ten cents, but come up and see Butts and you will greatly remember the day he sold you this property.

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A Daughter Saved.

WONDERFUL RECOVERY OF MISS HATTIE KING.

Stricken to the Bed and upon the Verge of Insanity—She Finds a Remedy when Hope had Almost Fled—The Best Physicians Failed to do Anything for Her.

From the Ithaca, Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Hattie King, of 94 Humboldt Street, Ithaca, N. Y., who was recently so ill that little hope was entertained of her recovery, has entirely regained her health. Her case is one of unusual interest. Following is substantially the language of her stepfather, Chas. M. Burnett, corroborated by that of the mother, in speaking to a reporter of the Ithaca:



MISS HATTIE KING.

"Hattie is now seventeen years old. A year ago last August she began to complain of dizziness, which became gradually worse. She suffered excessive nausea and attacks of vomiting. There were days when she could keep little or nothing on her stomach. She also was troubled with kidney disease. Her blood was so thin that the drop or two drawn by the prick of a needle was almost as colorless as water. She had trouble with her heart and often fainted from the slightest exertion, as upon rising from bed, or from a chair.

"Another bad symptom was a cough, which was so unremitting that it was the general opinion of our friends that she was consumptive. She lost flesh rapidly. Sometimes she would be confined to the bed for two or three weeks, then be around again, but only to suffer a relapse.

"She was not only a physical wreck, but her mind was affected, and at times she had no realization of what she was doing. We feared, in fact, a complete mental overthrow and consequent removal to an asylum, for although we had two of the best physicians in the city, and had tried several proprietary medicines, none benefited her.

"We had read considerable about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and had also heard of some cases where they had done good and we decided to give them a trial. We purchased some at the drug store of White & Burdick, of this city.

"Hattie began to take the pills in the early part of January of this year. Improvement was noticeable after the first box had been taken. The first hopeful sign that I noticed was that she did not complain of headache. The attacks of dizziness also began to abate in frequency, and she ceased to cough. One after another, the distressing symptoms left her. She took, in all, nine boxes of the pills. At the present time she is in perfect health. The alteration in her mind and body is almost past belief.

"I cannot say enough in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for they saved the life of our daughter."

(Signed) CHARLES M. BURNETT, Subscribed and sworn to before me May 8th, 1897. C. R. WOLCOTT, Notary Public, Grand for Tompkins County, N. Y.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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